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Christmas greetings and best wishes  
for a Happy New Year



*from the*  
**PRESIDENT'S DESK**

A Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year to all the T.E.C. members from Al and myself. May all of you have good fortune and good health throughout the coming year.

Also a Happy 10th Anniversary to all the T.E.C. members this year. Although this is our Nations Bicentennial year, it is also ten years that a young lady named Dottie Dow had a dream to start a club for the elongated coin collectors. It was started by Dottie Dow and a few others at the American Numismatic Association Convention in Chicago in 1966. Although I wasn't there I'm proud to be a member and my charter number is 16.

TEC has come a long way in the last ten years and many new ideas have been added to TEC. Thanks to members like Lloyd E. Wagaman who has gone out of his way to donate many, many coins to keep TEC going. There are many others who have also done many nice things for TEC,

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## PRESIDENT'S DESK

but in the last 4½ years, Lloyd E. Wagaman stands out the most. With each and everyones help we can all expect to see TEC grow in the next ten years.

We would like to hold a TEC banquet at the A.N.A. Convention, but we first have to find out how many are interested in going. It wouldn't pay to hold a banquet for only a few. Another idea was to hold a dutch treat meal of some kind, on any day we could get a few TEC members together. We can plan this in New York while we are there. At each hotel there is either a buffet breakfast, or a dinner and some of us thought that would be a good idea.

We would still have our regular TEC meeting at our regularly scheduled meeting time. We are trying to have a little program for the meeting and as we are now talking things over to see how it would work out, we will leave this as a surprise to the TEC members. Remember we are hoping we can do this and will be working on this in the next few months.

At this time I would like to thank my past officers and a few members who have been a great help to me through out this past year. They are Lloyd E. Wagaman, Ruby Threlkeld, Chester Grabowski, Harold Anderson, Alberta Wagaman, Bob Luchtman and of course my husband Al. There were also many more that have given their time to TEC so I thank them all.

I do have the room rates of two hotels for the American Numismatic Association Convention, which will be held in New York next year in August. As soon as I get the room rates of other nearby hotels I will let you know in TEC NEWS, or you can write me. Most TEC members stay in the hotel where everything is going on, so take my advice and send for your hotel reservation early. The hotel where the ANA convention will be held, is a new hotel and is a beautiful hotel to stay in. The rates are a little high, but for those that want to stay in other hotels, they may do so.

All the TEC members in the New York area, I hope you exhibit at the convention. You must be a ANA member. If you are not, write to me and I'll gladly sponsor you for membership in the ANA. You not only have a chance to win for the ANA, but TEC also gives out a nice special award at our TEC meeting for the best elongated exhibit at the convention. The award is called the "Henry Blaha Memorial Award". Last year in Los Angeles, California, Charles Strickland won the beautiful plaque and he sure was a surprised member. Lets see who the lucky person will be in 1976. So folks get busy on your elongated coin exhibits. If you don't win, you still receive a very nice 3" medal from the A.N.A. just for being an exhibitor. As you know only one person can win, so good luck to you all.

I hope you folks have noticed the beautiful Bicentennial - TEC Anniversary front page of our TEC NEWS with our national colors of red, white and blue. It was designed by our own good friend Lloyd E. Wagaman. It will be used through out the coming year. Thank you Lloyd for a job well done.

Now again I'd like to say, a Merry Christmas to you my friends and God bless you all.

Sincerely,

Sally Kirka, President

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Price of "Camera ready" copy to remain the same, but if set up by editor, which will be a typewriter set-up with no art work, the price for ads will be doubled.

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## AN ELONGATED COLLECTOR

by Lloyd E. Wagaman TEC #33  
Camby, Indiana

For about ten years now, I have called myself an elongated collector. For about the first 75% of that time it was a most enjoyable and rewarding hobby. I would seek any elongated coins I didn't already have by writing, visiting or phoning and by doing so I built one of the leading collections in the country. By leading, I mean I would consider my collection as ranking in the top ten. I am still seeking additions, but have got to the point that it is a task rather than a pleasure as before. There was a time when I would study each coin I acquired and its image would be transplanted in my mind. If I would come across another coin from that same die months or even years later I would remember that I had it already and in many cases could remember where I got it and the cost. Today my albums are filled with coins that have no meaning to me at all. I find coins on a dealers table that I have never seen before, only to find I already have them. The point I'm getting at is that my collection has outgrown its usefulness to me. By being useful to me I mean that I benefited from it in pleasure derived from knowing I had assembled a beautiful and educational collection as well as complete enjoyment of the many hours spent in doing so. I have decided that it is next to impossible to collect and enjoy collecting elongated coins in general. Now by this I'm not talking about the person that saves all elongated coins that happen to come his way. I'm talking about the person that resorts to all sorts of means and expense in order to obtain a specimen of every elongated coin they hear of. Its like calling yourself a medal collector and trying to obtain a specimen of every medal that was ever issued, or a token collector that tries to obtain a specimen of every token. Medal collectors and token collectors specialize in certain subjects or series, or other categories. I seriously doubt that there is a medal or token collector in existance that seriously pursues every medal or token issued. If there is it would be my opinion that they are a very wealthy hoarder and not a collector, because there isn't enough time in the day to study and enjoy the craftsmanship and meaning behind so many pieces. The study and enjoyment is the benefit to the collector.

It is my intention at the present time to pick three or four good categories from my elongated collection and to continue to build to these categories. The balance of my collection will stop where it is. If I cannot revive my interest to a point that I can be enthused with each new addition then I will give up my collection completely. I have not yet decided which categories I will continue to pursue but hope to make that decision soon.

There is presently a very good reference book nearing the printing stage. This book is by A.A. Rosato and it will cover all the elongated coins issued from where the Dow book leaves off up to and through 1974. I predict that this will be the last catalog of elongated coins in general to be issued. I predict that the future reference books will be by category. For example in the medal field there are books that specialize in Lincoln, Washington, Presidential medals and so on. In the token field there are books that specialize in Transportation, Musical, Parking, Car Wash, and Trade tokens. Can you imagine all this being crammed into one reference book. In my opinion elongated coins have reached the stage like medals or tokens. They will have to be broken down into different categories.

I would suggest to all collectors to specialize in one or more subjects and then to give those selected subjects all you've got.

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## AN ELONGATED COLLECTOR

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I have known some top collectors of the past that are no longer heard from. I can't help but wonder if these people reached the saturation point the same as I have.

Perhaps the above is just one mans opinion. I would be most happy to hear comments from other collectors on the subject. You can write to me personally or better still reply via TEC NEWS.

## OUR TEC OWL AND OUR HOBBY

by Ron Swenson TEC #285  
Whitmore, Mich.

Did you know that the T.E.C. Owl was on a ancient coin slide, that Henry Blaha had on his string tie? He also had an Indian Chief on a elongated coin slide, which Dottie Dow had painted for Henry, who she had called the "Chief".

The Medalllic Art Co., of Danbury, Connecticut have just put out an owl pendant for sale. This makes a nice gift to all those owl collectors. This owl motif is sculpted in both positive and negative forms, on both the obverse and reverse. This Athenian Owl, which the TEC owl is called, was originally created for the Society of Medalists 40th anniversary medal. It comes in gold, fine silver, or antique bronze. I missed out on this pendant, as I was laying carpets in Wisconsin, or Indiana, or Chicago, Illinois. As I am a carpet installer.

While I was in Chicago I did a job for a coin shop called, "The Coin Shop", for Shell and Phil, to pay off on some of the elongated coins and other coins they had put away on a lay-a-way for me. They then wrote to me about more coins that they had.

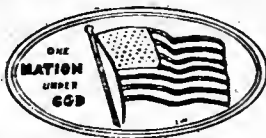
I liked the TEC article by Gary Glise, TEC member #664, "How I feel about our hobby." You can still find elongated coins in and around your homes in old cans or boxes. I did and I got over 450 of them at below 25¢ each. They were Lloyd Wagaman's, Henry Blaha's, Ralph Jobe's, Dottie Dow's, Ralph Jones', Gus Meccarello's and many others. I had bought all these coins from Mr. Lou Goldstein, who is called by his friends "Lucky Lou". The thing is you have to talk elongated coins where ever you go. On my job I get into two or three homes a day and I ask them all if they have any elongated coins, or if they know anything about elongated coins. If they don't, I then talk about how elongated coins were made and rolled out. I also give out what ever elongated coin I have with me at the time. It could be one of Lloyd Wagaman's store card, or one of Henry Blaha's or one of Shel Green. While I was in Chicago, I bought over 100 of Shel Greens (The Elongated Coin), which reads, "You now own an elongated coin, made from a genuine Lincoln penny, this "Good-Luck" coin is one of a limited edition. There is more on the card that comes with the elongated coin. The compliments of Advance Process Supply Co., and Shel Green is the roller who was in Boston in 1973. He also has an electric rolling machine and Henry Blaha's old Worlds Fair 1932 hand rolling machine. You don't hear much of Shel Green, but he is out rolling elongated coins. So all I can say is keep on talking about our hobby of collecting elongated coins.

NEW ISSUES

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### MY TOPICAL COLLECTION

by Ruby Threlkeld TEC #202  
La Marque, Texas

A long time ago as I attended coin shows and coin conventions, I was asked by many, What are you searching for? What is your speciality? What is your topical?

At first I was like most everyone else and collected everything in elongated coins I could find. Also any and everything that I could afford.

Before many of the conventions and shows I began to look at my collection of elongated coins in a different light. I knew I should choose something and work at enlarging and improving my hobby. I knew I would have to do something I could show and something I could add to.

I chose a topical, "TYPES OF TRANSPORTATION." Believe me, this was not an easy subject. There are always elongated coins with famous people, or different states, or many special events. But, you try to find elongated coins with boats, bicycle, or an automobile and you have a job cut out for yourself. I have walked around these same coin shows and coin conventions, looking and asking, but have found very few elongated coins in this field. I have come up with a fair display of elongated coins that makes a close second to my very nice CHRISTMAS display of elongated coins.

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## MY TOPICAL COLLECTION

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Included in my collection of transportation elongated coins are the following: Ships - U.S.S. Chicago and Continental Navy, covered wagon, horse drawn street car, racing car, race horse, hobby horse, Sky lab space ship, 1st Space Ship, Mariner #10 Space Ship, U.S. Mail service airplane, Democratic donkey, Republican elephant, 1913 Cadillac car, 1931 Austin car, two World War II fighter planes.

I am interested in trading for any elongated coins I do not now have in my collection, that has a type of transportation on its obverse.

## THEY'RE STILL OUT THERE SOMEWHERE

by Sally Kirka TEC #16  
Manchester, Conn.

Yes folks, those older elongated coins are out there somewhere, so keep on looking around. When you go to the coin shows in your area or around your home states always ask the dealers, if they have any elongated coins for sale.

One Sunday recently Al and I decided to go to a coin show within 50 miles from our home, which was a little ways past Springfield, Massachusetts. First it turned out to be a beautiful day and after being sick for a few days, Al and I said it would do us both some good to get out of the house. For me a coin show cheers me up.

Although we have a table at most coin shows and can sell our own coins, I just didn't feel like doing much of anything. So I would go around to the dealers tables to just look and see what they had new. I must have walked around to each dealers table a few times when I stopped at one dealers table to look through what so many people may call the "junk box". I was talking to the dealers wife and sort of playing with the coins in the box. I kept turning the coins around and pulling up the coins from the bottom of the box. For a minute I thought I had seen an elongated coin. I always knew this dealer wasn't interested in elongated coins so I never bothered to ask if he now had any elongated coins. This is a mistake people often make. Remember these dealers always keep buying new supplies every now and then.

When I thought I had seen an elongated coin, I started to dig. Lo and behold I came up with the elongated coin I thought I saw. I looked the coin over and it was the Lords Prayer, but I knew I did not have one like it. I know I do have a large collection of the Lords Prayers on elongated coins, but I sure didn't have this one. I looked it over very carefully and went digging again in this so called junk box. To my surprise I found another one.

I looked at the dealer and said I'll take them both and asked him for the price. The man at first said 50¢ a piece and then said "To you Sally, they are two for a quarter," and as they were in the junk box he said they weren't worth much. When I came home and looked them over carefully I found out they were both two that I didn't have. It was a very good buy for 25¢.

As I went to the next dealer, one of my friends said this dealer had a St. Louis elongated coin in his book. So I went right over to look it over and sure enough there was one nice older elongated coin for \$2.50. You can bet that I bought this elongated coin too. I was very pleased with it too as I didn't have that coin either. So folks keep looking and asking those nice dealers, "Any elongated coins today?" Keep asking as they're still out there.

## SO, THE JOKES ON ME

by O. Wilson Morgan TEC #183  
Hernando, Fla.

Having had 10 issues made for me by Bob Luchtman and adding the elongated coin holder plus mailing costs, I found they averaged out around 25¢ each.

I also found the demand for my pieces over a period of years ran around 400 of the 500 pieces of each issue. This left me with 100 pieces to hold, or dispose with anyway I could.

Noting that 50¢ seemed to be the standard, or average price of most rollers, flea markets and coin dealers. Until recently I figured that a novel two for one deal would still have me paying 50¢ for those I didn't have and at the same time bring me some "extra goodies." (An "extra goodie" being one you had heard about, but didn't expect to see.) So, as you probably have seen in the TEC NEWS, I advertised my extras on a two of mine, for one of yours deal. I was pleased at the response I received from the ad.

The only thing I wanted, although I hadn't stated so, was, that if I sent ten to the west coast I expected five from that area. If I sent ten to the east coast I would receive five issued for the New England area etc. As I figured this to be a good deal for any one desiring some elongated coins. I wasn't too surprised to receive a letter asking that one each of my ten issues be sent to a midwestern city, which I did. I waited over a month and was about ready to forget the whole thing, when I received my elongated coins. Yes, you guessed it, five of the very ten coins I had sent the person. At least I should be thankful he hadn't asked for two of each, for then he could have sent one set back and kept a full set for himself. Yeah - two for one.

Well having traveled a lot, every state, all over Mexico and Canada, all over Europe on an invitation by the U.S. Government, I had spent much more for my amusement. This incident struck me as so funny, I laughed so hard and so long that tears ran down my cheeks. Never in my life had I gotten such a belly-laugh at such a cheap price.

All I can say is, I've learned my lesson, if you want in on my deal of two for one, send your five and receive my ten.

I hear one of my neighbors yelling "Hey Trader," so I'd better go see what he wants. I just thought this was too good to keep. So laugh at me or with me, it makes no difference, just enjoy, "The Joke On Me."

## BICENTENNIAL 1776 - 1976

by Joe Rakaskas TEC #64  
Paterson, N.J.

This country of ours is buzzing with plans for the Bicentennial celebration 1776 - 1976. Many events are geared to special locales dependent on facts of history, etc.

The facts of history got me thinking of the different elongated coins in my collection of historical importance, of which I have many. George Washington of the Presidential series intrigued me. Why? Because he left his marks in so many places in the State of New Jersey, during the American Revolution or the War of Independence. New Jersey has its share of homes where George Washington supposedly slept there.

George Washington was appointed commander in chief of the Continental Army June 15, 1775, and took command at Cambridge, Mass.

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## BICENTENNIAL 1776 - 1976

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July 3, 1775. During the progress of the war he brought his troops to Morristown, N.J., a village of approximately 50 homes then. He camped nearby. The rest of his troops of about 12,000 men were spread out toward a place known as Jockey Hollow. His arrival Dec. 1, 1779 was during a snow storm that eventually laid over two feet of snow on the ground.

The soldiers were desperate due to lack of supplies of food and decent shelter. The morale was so bad, several mutinies broke out, but were put down.

On orders of George Washington the soldiers were put to work building log huts to accomodate twelve men. By spring of 1780 they had built more than 1100 huts.

While George Washington was busy with his Continental Army, the representatives of the original thirteen states drafted the Declaration of Independence which they signed on July 4, 1776. After the war George Washington returned to Mount Vernon to pursue his private interests, but kept interested in public affairs as a delegate from Virginia to the Constitutional Convention. He was elected President in 1789 serving until 1797.

He again returned to Mount Vernon, where he died in 1799 and was buried in the family vault.

George Washinton is remembered for his record, "First in war - First in Peace - First in the hearts of his countrymen."

So in conclusion I see more than art work on the elongated coins. I see the great deeds of great men, the making of History, that had brought about events that eventually lead us to the Bicentennial year "1976".

## SOMETHING DIFFERENT

by Richard Townsend TEC #265  
Rochester, N.Y.

If you are looking for a gift for that young friend or relative of yours for a special occasion. You might consider an idea I've used successfully the past few years.

The duplicate elongated coins are saved and bargain purchases made at local shows or flea markets till I have an assortment of eight to ten different types of elongated coins. At least one type marks the occasion - Christmas, Birthday, Graduation, etc. A Capital Comet holder with foam lining will adequately hold the coins in the arrangement you choose, or one of the larger size snap-lock cases will also do nicely.

If you have a tape machine, the cases can be personalized with the recipient's name, the date of the gift and the donor. The tape can be inserted in the grooves of the Capital cases, or on the foams back. In either case, It becomes a personal gift that I have found is well received.

A short history of elongated coins covering how they were made and the persons or events depicted on the coins in the gift set adds another different touch. Who knows, these relatively inexpensive ideas just might produce another collector and potential TEC member.

Another variation is to use a photo frame to incorporate a snapshot of the recipient. The photo is placed either in the center with the elongated coins placed around on either side or placed off to one side and the coins opposite. I've used dark blue or red paper for the background with the elongated coins being held in place using double faced foam tape. The tape machine labels finish off the gift with the appropriate wording. A little imagination and a bit of effort can go a long way. Like the idea, why not try it?

## NOTICE!

The 1976 dues are now due and dues are now \$5.00 a year. If you don't pay your dues by March 31st, you will be dropped from the membership list. Don't let this happen to you.

Remember to send in your correct address. If you have moved, please send in your new address at once. Please write clearly and let us know if you live on a Street, Avenue, Lane, Drive, Road, etc. This is a must to make sure you get your TEC NEWS. The 3rd class mail is not forwarded and we need the correct address with Zip code.

Also the membership coins will not be ready until the 1976 pennies are out about March. So be patient and we hope we can send them out with the next TEC NEWS. Your membership card will also be sent to those that have paid their dues by March 31st.

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## NOTICE

Do you want a banquet at the A.N.A. Convention? We want to know how many would come to one if we had one. Those that would care to have one and would come to one, let me know at once. I have no idea how much the meal would cost us, as this is an expensive hotel. We first need to know how many would go if we made arrangements for one. If interested in going, please write to me at once. Of course every one pays their own way. We also must have approval of the A.N.A., before we can really do anything about this. Now those that are interested in a "dutch treat" buffet dinner or breakfast, let me know also as this may be cheaper in the long run. This would be planned while we are in New York and could be planned for any day of the week. I know in Los Angeles we had a nice buffet breakfast for about \$3.00. This was all you could eat and I know Al, Ruby and I enjoyed a meal like this very much. Think about this and let me know if you are interested. Write soon.

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## IMPORTANT NOTICE ATTENTION

Please do not send us any money yet for the 1976 TEC badges, as we are only taking orders now. As we had to return a few checks to the members, that had sent the money in. Don't forget, if you want a TEC badge next year for our 10th Anniversary, order it now. We will only have rolled as many TEC badges as we have orders for. If we get only 75 orders, that is all the TEC badges that will be rolled for 1976. So if you are interested in obtaining a badge for 1976 get your order in now before the April 31st deadline.

This is the second notice on this, so remember let us know if you want to order a TEC badge for 1976. No other TEC badges will be sold to anyone else, only to those that have ordered them. Again do not send any money now for the 1976 TEC badges, as they will not be sold until the TEC meeting at the A.N.A. convention in New York. The 1976 TEC badges will be \$3.00 at the convention and \$3.30 by mail after the convention to those that have ordered them.

If you are not sure that you have ordered one, please write to me again to make sure. Again I say the orders must be in before the April 31st deadline. We will only make as many as have been ordered. Don't be left out, so order your 1976 TEC convention badge now.

## EXHIBITING ELONGATED COINS WITH POSTCARDS

by Ron Swenson TEC #285  
Whitmore Lake, Mich.

When I sent to Col. Holbrook for his Holbrook Arms Museum pass on a elongated cent, I ordered three or four of them. Back they came along with a postcard of the store and museum.

That postcard is the start of this article. There are postcards for most of the older elongated coins. You just have to look for them like you do the elongated coins, in stamp shops, at flea markets, or at old book stores, etc. They are there, I know as I buy them all the time.

I was having lunch one day and the man next to me was talking about proof sets. I told him about the 70D mint set and then told about saving ships and boats on elongated coins, pins, tokens, postcards, etc. Well, this man was a boat captain from Miami, Florida and he told me he had many old postcards. He took my address in Chicago and said he would send me some. About two weeks later, he sent me 250 or more postcards of all types and not just of ships or boats. Some of these postcards were from before the year 1900. I kept all the cards with the boats on them and traded or gave away all the rest. I in return sent this man in 1974, two silver dollars for his kids.

As I also belong to T.A.M.S., I also used the postcards with my ship medals. You can use postcards for most of Dottie Dow's book. There are cards of all fairs, etc. The space postcards are all in 3-D and look very nice in anyones exhibit. There are cars, ships, bridges, you name it and you can find it. With the bicentennial coming up there are postcards of all the 13 States. The House of Elongated coins has many coins that can go on many cards.

Henry Blaha won a silver medal at the M.G.C.C. Show in 1971 or 1972, in which he had exhibited simulated elongated coins with postcards. Simulated elongated coins are struck on oval copper blanks and exist in both unplated and nickel plated condition. #1 has a pseudo Canadian cent reverse, #2, through #12, have a poor rendition of an Indian head cent all dated 1907 (or the last two digits are obliterated). #1 and #3 thru #12 have a plain edge as per the book, The Elongated Collectors, by Dottie Dow on page 198, 199, 200. Henry Blaha had both the coins and cards of the #1 the five Dione Quints #5 or #5a heads carved on Mt. Rushmore, #6 University of Wisconsin, #7 State Capitol Madison, Wis., #8 Park Hotel Madison, Wis., #9 or #9a Standrock, Wis. Dells, #10 Indian camp scene of Wis. Dells, #11 Stern Wheeler river boat, to left of boat Romance/Cliff to the right Wis. Dells, #12 Waverly Beach, Appleton, Wis. Henry had ten coins and cards in his exhibit. He also had his rolling machine there and he gave out free his elongated coin, "Ride a Hobby", engraved with a horse SG #9b. This was not by Lloyd E. Wagaman, Misc. #6 Hobby Horse. The medal won by Henry Blaha on this fine exhibit was given back by his estate to the M.G.C.C. and it became the "Henry Blaha Memorial Exhibit Award". This award is given annually for the best exhibit and not for just elongated coins. It is given for Education Through Numismatics.

Not long after Henry Blaha died, I was going to exhibit his elongated coins, along with his string tie with the owl and elongated chief coin slide, but some one took over half of my 3000 or more elongated coins. After that I didn't feel like exhibiting any more. Just because you have elongated coins, don't think no one will take

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## EXHIBITING ELONGATED COINS WITH POSTCARDS

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them. One of my missing coins was a ILL, WCE 3 star rolled on a 1885 nickel with the third star missing. Just because many people got their start collecting elongateds from friends and relatives they think that elongated coins are not worth much. Try to buy some of the older ones. I have paid fifteen to thirty dollars and even more for the ships that I bid on. I have found out that exhibiting the elongated coins with postcards make very fine and interesting exhibits.

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## COINS DONATED

I hope you folks have noticed the paid ad and the Christmas elongated coin Lloyd and Alberta Wagaman has donated to the TEC members. When Lloyd sent me the coins and I saw how pretty they were I took my paint brush right out. You know me, I have to paint the coin to see how it looks. With my eye so sore I didn't take any chances, but painted one for Lloyd and Alberta and mailed them right out. It really looks beautiful painted. Lloyd has done some beautiful engraving on his coins and I'm proud of each and every one of his coins that I have.

Lloyd E. Wagaman not only engraved and rolled the coin that he donated to the TEC members, but also paid for the ad that the coin is on. This is really doing something I couldn't see, Lloyd paying for the ad when he was donating the coins to the TEC members, but Lloyd insisted on paying for it. So if you like the coin, why not write Lloyd and tell him that you appreciate it. I think that should be done with all coins that are donated. Remember we wouldn't get many free coins without the help of the kind members that donate the free coins to TEC.

So as President of TEC may I be the first to say, thank you Lloyd and Alberta Wagaman for the beautiful Christmas coin. Merry Christmas to both of you.

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## NOTICE

Anyone wanting to submit a coin to be judged for the best coin rolled by a roller for 1975, please do so now. The deadline for this is May 1st. The coins will not be returned and will be used as door prizes at our TEC meeting. Al Kirka is the chairman of this, so all coins should be sent to him. Al Kirka will then pick a committee to judge the coins. Al will not be one of the judges. He will see that the committee does not know who rolled the coins, so everyone's coin will have a fair chance to win. Of course the coins rolled by the Kirka's will not be in this. Coins must be rolled by the person submitting the coins and not by someone else.

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## NOTICE

If you had paid your dues and received a notice about your dues, don't worry about it. Remember TEC NEWS goes 3rd class and it sometimes takes a few weeks to get to your home and our letters could be crossing. If you pay by check, you will have your canceled check for proof. Last year one or two members got a little excited about this when our letters crossed.



Paid Ad

## A VERY ENJOYABLE CONVENTION

by Al Kirka TEC #450  
Manchester, Conn.

I too like my wife Sally would like to thank all our TEC friends from California for the very nice time we had in Los Angeles. We met so many new TEC members it was a pleasure meeting them all.

I also enjoyed our all day trip that Harold Butner took us on. One thing I can say is Harold was also a good driver and from what I saw you have to be a good driver to drive on all those freeways in and around Los Angeles. For a person that never was in Los Angeles they would have a pretty rough time getting around. So we were very grateful to Harold Butner for driving us around all day. Thank you Harold.

This year even I received many free elongated coins. The first elongated coin was from that gracious lady Mrs. Margo Russell. When Mrs. Russell saw my wife she said to Sally, "I have something for you." Then later on she came over to us and gave us the elongated coin that was especially made for her daughters wedding. Sally even managed to get an extra coin for Lloyd Wagaman. As these coins were given out at the wedding Mrs. Russell didn't have many to give out, so I think I was one of the lucky ones.

Next we all went to the Kansas City dealer who has been having an elongated coin made with a plane on it for the last few years. This is a must for our collection as most of the TEC members have been collecting these elongated coins since this dealer first gave them out. As we all reached for one of these free elongated coins the dealer said, "Yes I know you are all TEC members." We sure would like this dealer to join TEC one of these days. After all he's been giving out his elongated coins to us TEC members now, for the last five years or possibly even longer than that.

I think this year in Los Angeles I can say we really enjoyed ourselves and Sally and I are looking forward to going back there for two weeks or a month in the next two or three years.



# Obituary

## *Twenty Third Psalm*

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures, he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

MEMORIAL SERVICES  
FOR  
EDWARD M. CUTLER

A NATIVE OF  
COLORADO

PASSED AWAY  
SEPTEMBER 16, 1975

GRAVESIDE SERVICE HELD  
SEPTEMBER 19, 1975 AT 3:00 P.M.

INGLEWOOD CEMETERY MORTUARY  
FUNERAL DIRECTORS

OFFICIATING  
REV. PATRICK GORMAN

INTERMENT  
INGLEWOOD CEMETERY

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## "SO LONG MY FRIEND"

by Sally Kirka TEC #16  
Manchester, Conn.

As I myself was a pretty sick girl these past two months, I sat here thinking about all my TEC friends. Most of these friends write to me regularly and its always nice to hear from them all. While I sat here I wondered about one of my friends from Redondo Beach, California, Edward M. Cutler. He would write and tell me how he passed the days and how lonely he was since his wife passed away and of his brother who was in a Convalescent Home. He didn't feel sorry for himself by no means, as he would tell me of the little trips he was always taking. In California there always were places to go to almost right in your own back yard. He always looked forward to seeing his nephew who came to see him often. I would ask him questions about different things about California and where everything was in Los Angeles, where the A.N.A. Convention was to be held. He talked of how he would like to meet us all in California when we were down there this past August.

Edward Cutler told me of the many elongated coins he had and of the fun he had with them. Ed was never one to ask for a coin for nothing and always wanted to pay for the coins I sent him. More than once when I sent a few coins and told him, I was giving him the

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**"SO LONG MY FRIEND"**

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coins to keep, he would send a check in the next letter for them.

Since Ed had planned to meet us at the A.N.A. Convention I was hoping we could meet and talk with him, but we didn't meet him. I know in his last letter to me Ed wrote how sick and weak he was, but he still planned to see us at the TEC meeting.

The day I was sitting and sort of thinking of my different friends, I thought of all my friends I met in California and how nice each one was. I sat there saying to myself, "gosh, I haven't heard from my good friend Edward Cutler yet!" Al brought the mail to me just then and the first letter I opened was from Edward Cutler's nephew, Andrew R. Kotler with the sad news that my friend Edward M. Cutler had passed away September 16, 1975.

I sat there looking down at the card and started to cry. I never met this fine gentleman, but I shall miss him and his nice letters. Mr. Cutler has gone to rest, but he shall always be remembered as one very nice TEC member #22. God Bless You Ed and may you Rest in Peace.

Our deepest sympathy and prayers go to his family, Mr. Andrew R. Kotler of Pueblo, Colorado.

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**HISTORIAN'S REPORT**

by Ruby Threlkeld TEC #202  
La Marque, Texas

A special thanks goes to those that are sending in elongated coins and related material, to our TEC Historian Chairman Mrs. Ruby Threlkeld. Just so no one will be hurt I will make a list of all donations, no matter how small in each issue of TEC NEWS from now on. This is not only to say thanks to those that do donate for the TEC Archives, but to let others know who is donating what. These are the TEC members who have donated elongated coins or related material since September 1st to Ruby Threlkeld. Richard Townsend, a mirror with an elongated coin on it; Dottie Dow a T.A.M.S. elongated coin made for the TAMS banquet; Al and Sally Kirka a wooden money postcard with an elongated coin and some clippings from Coin World. Also the Merit Award half dollar rolled by Lloyd Wagaman.

If anyone has anything to donate for the TEC Archives please send it right in. When sending in coins for the TEC Archives please say that they are for the archives.

We wish to thank all the members who have so graciously given their coin to the TEC Archives in the past and also all the nice pictures of TEC members that have been donated for the TEC History Book. Remember to send in all donations for the TEC Archives and the TEC History book to Mrs. Ruby Threlkeld, 1023 Holly Street, La Marque, Texas 77568. If anyone has been omitted from this list since September only, your name will appear on the next list of donations in the next TEC NEWS, or let Editor Sally Kirka know.

Our History Book has been brought in for members viewing at the TEC annual meeting for the past two years. Its getting heavier each year and we may have to start another book soon. Stop by and see it at our next meeting at the A.N.A. Convention in New York next August.

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**NOTICE**

Don't forget, if you have an article for TEC NEWS, send it in and don't wait until the last minute. The articles must be 250 words or more to receive one of the new TEC NEWS award coins. The deadline for the next issue is February 12 for ads and February 14th for articles. So lets hear from a few of you who have never written before.

## NOTES OF INTEREST

Phyllis Duncan had donated a few coins to TEC at the A.N.A. convention in Los Angeles. As she gave the coins to me after every thing was over and to late to give the coins out to the members. These elongated coins will be held over for our TEC meeting in New York and will be given out as door prizes. Thank you Mrs. Duncan as the coins will be appreciated by some lucky winners in New York.

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Richard Townsend sent some pictures of the A.N.A. convention to Historian Chairman Ruby Threlkeld for the TEC archives, so thank you Richard for doing this. Anyone else having any pictures of TEC members and cares to donate them to the TEC archives, how about sending them in.

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Barbara Izzo exhibited at the Bergen County Coin Club meeting and won the award of the month for the talk she gave about the elongated coins she had collected during the past summer. She also told the members how she had rolled out some of her coins, when she was visiting the home of President Sally Kirka. Barbara mentioned how on Sally's machine, you can actually see the coin being rolled and you yourself do the rolling. She also told members what a nice feeling it is to be able to say, "I rolled this coin myself."

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The 3rd class postage has gone up starting September 15th. It came as a surprise to us. So this meant a few more dollars went out for postage of the October issue of the TEC NEWS. It seems everytime we go buy something for TEC, the price has gone up. First class mail will go up starting January 1st. I suggest those writing to anyone asking about elongated coins, send a stamped self addressed envelope. Its not saying you'll always get an answer, but its a good try.

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A special thanks to Dottie Dow for the coins she gave for the give away coins for the TEC meeting at the A.N.A. convention in Los Angeles. The give away coins are the coins we put in small bags and give them away at our TEC meetings. Dottie also gave five mini Philatelic Numismatic Covers and also ten larger P.N.Covers for door prizes. Who ever won these door prizes has a real nice collectors item, as these were really beautiful prizes. Dottie is also the producer of these P.N.Covers. The last day of the convention Dottie Dow donated the coins which were given out with the last TEC NEWS. They were given out while they lasted. The few that didn't get one of Dottie's were given one of my California coins in its place. We want to thank Dottie for her help and it is appreciated by all.

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Mr. Maurice Gould one of our TEC members and a member of the Board of Governors of the A.N.A. and a writer of a syndicated coin column for many coin papers was hospitalized October 13th in Burbank, California for treatment of a series of respiratory ailments.

Our prayers go out to you Mr. Gould and we hope by the time you read this you will be up and around. God Bless You my friend. Anyone wishing to send Mr. Gould a card, his address is P.O. Box 1500, Tustin, California 92680. Its never too late to write and say, hello Mr. Maurice Gould, hope you're feeling better. I never saw Mr. Gould pass me by without saying, "Hello Sally, nice to see you."

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## NOTES OF INTEREST

Another nice donation for TEC from Arthur Fry of Xenia, Ohio. Mr. Fry donated enough big envelopes to be able to mail almost two issues of TEC NEWS. A special thanks goes to this kind gentleman for sending all these envelopes. Every little bit helps TEC.

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We are very sorry to hear about the death of Richard Townsends Aunt, who passed away in September. His Aunt was like a mother to Richard. Our sympathy and prayers go to you my friend, from all of us in TEC.

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I also received a sad letter from Chuck Strickland who lost his brother in September also. This was a great loss to Chuck and our prayers go to you Chuck and to your brothers family. I think a nice letter or a card from Chucks TEC friends would be appreciated by him. So how about sending sending him a card and showing him we really do care and may God Bless You from the TEC family.

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Also very sorry to get a notice of the death of Arlene Kaiser's beloved Father of Stratford, Connecticut. Our prayers go out to you Arlene as we are all sorry to hear of this. Take care of yourself and may God Bless you all.

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Chester Grabowski our TEC treasurer has been donating the small heavy duty envelopes that we mail out the TEC badges. This also has helped TEC out a lot and has saved TEC a few dollars in the last two years. A nice thank you to you Chet from the President of TEC and the TEC officers and members.

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Al and Sally Kirka have both won a trophy for their elongated exhibit in October at one of their Coin Clubs Coin Show. For Sally this was her second as she had won one at a coin show in September too. If you win at any coin shows with your exhibit of elongated coins, let us hear about it in an article. You don't have to win a prize to write about it, let us hear about how you made up your exhibit. Its interesting to know how others display their coins too. With Christmas coming up, you all may have an idea of how to make a nice Christmas display of your Christmas elongated coins.

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A note from Pearl Crabb about her Merit Award coin. "I was indeed surprised and delighted and also feel most unworthy on getting the Merit Award coin. I really appreciated this coin and it will mean a lot to me, so thank you Sally."

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A Happy Birthday to the following TEC members that were born in December that we know of, Steve Penzes, Chester Rogers and Al Kirka and oh yes, I was born on Christmas Day too. A happy birthday to all those born in January and I only have Ruby Threlkeld listed. Happy Birthday to those born in February, Alice Penzes, Alice Anderson, Marie Trinny, Richard Townsend, Barbara Izzo and Richard Grabowski. A happy birthday to those born in March, Lloyd Wagaman and Harold Anderson. Now a happy anniversary to all those that are having an anniversary in the next three months, Ruby and Hugh Threlkeld, Lloyd and Alberta Wagaman, Jack and Peg Wilcox, Norman and Ruth MacQuithy and Marie Trinny and her husband.

# NOTES OF INTEREST

When writing articles and you write about your own Coin Club please write out the full name of your club, or the clubs you are writing about. This helps the new members and some of the older members get a better idea of what club you are writing about. Its interesting to know the clubs name. Even I don't know what some of the letters mean, so I have to type the initials as sent to me. I think this will be appreciated by all. This has been brought to my attention by one of our members.

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Edward J. Mazurek has been in the hospital lately and we hope he is now on the road to recovery. Stay well Mr. Mazurek, as we all hope to say hello to you at the American Numismatic Association Convention in New York City in August 1976.

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I see Abe Geffer and his wife are doing a lot of traveling around lately. My last letter from them was from Japan. Some people have all the luck. Have fun you two, but come home soon Mr. Geffer.

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Dottie Dow has been in sick bay and I hear she is feeling better lately. Take care of yourself and God bless you. How about dropping Dottie a card and saying hello to her.

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James R. Davisson had a very nice display of religious elongated coins at the A.N.A. Convention in Los Angeles. I know one thing he didn't have, a heading on his beautiful exhibit and this could lose some points. The idea was very nice and I like the way he set it up. Keep up the good work.

Also the California Collectors of Elongateds had a non-competitive elongated coin exhibit at the A.N.A. convention too. I think this was a very nice idea and the club should be proud of their exhibit.

## NEW MEMBERS

TEC#	ADDRESS	CITY	ZIP
697	Sylvia Odesser	6332 N. Richmond St.	Chicago, Illinois 60659
698	James W. Dick	8774 Nightingale Ave.	Fountain Valley, Cal. 92708
699	Richard A. Moore	P.O. Box 156	Hatfield, Pa. 19440
700	Roy Grabowski	25 Snipsic St.	Rockville, Conn. 06066
701	William Pezzano	460 Getty Ave.	Paterson, N.J. 07503
702	Don Beck	Box 8061	Ft. Wayne, Ind. 46808
703	Isidore M. Mindel	761 East 45th St.	Brooklyn, N.Y. 11203
704	Edward Heller	22 Terrane Ave.	Natick, Mass. 01760

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

477	Mrs. Nancy Legani	237 So. Main St.	New Britain, Conn. 06051
532	California Collectors of Elongateds, c/o James W. Dick,	8774 Nightingale Ave.,	Fountain Valley, Cal. 92708
614	Larry Karukin	177 Sargeant St.	Holyoke, Mass. 01040
627	Barbara Straub	231 Lake Shore Rd.	Lebanon, Conn. 06249
641	William R. Hayes	100 Lucas Dr., Apt. 4N	Bordentown, N.J. 35041
554	Charles C. Strickland	Route 3, Box 188	Tuscaloosa, Ala. 35041



## A SALUTE TO HAROLD BUTNER TEC #576

by Sally Kirka TEC #16  
Manchester, Conn.

We had never met Harold Butner before, but we had the pleasure of meeting him in Los Angeles, California at the A.N.A. Convention this past August. We first met Harold Butner and his wife when he walked in with our friend Ruby Threlkeld. Harold and his wife met Ruby at the airport and brought her to the hotel. After Ruby got settled in her room she came down and told us, Harold Butner would take us on a trip around Los Angeles to see the sights the next day. As I had a patch over one eye and a very sore knee Al and I were happy and grateful for being asked to go.

The next day Ruby, Al and I were ready and waiting for Harold to take us on this wonderful trip that we will always remember. Honest folks, this is one trip I will never forget. The first thing that Harold did was take us down Manchester Street and by Oak Street too. I really got a kick out of that. Then next on the trip was Hollywood, as that is what I wanted to see. We hear so much about Hollywood that I wanted to say like "Kilroy", that Sally Kirka was there. I was a little disappointed in Sunset and Vine, as it looked like any street in anyones hometown. Anyhow folks, I was there. We stopped at Graumans Chinese Theater and of course I had to step in all the stars foot-prints. I was a little disappointed in those foot prints. It seems all the movie stars had such tiny feet and large hands. It just didn't look right. I stepped into John Wayne's foot prints and it seems my feet were larger than his and I wear a much smaller size shoe than he does. For a man as tall as he is, I couldn't figure this out. Anyhow this was fun and we sure enjoyed ourselves. As I saw the things I heard so much about, I thought I was dreaming all this. Harold would point out all the different sights for us to see, so as not to miss a thing.

While I still thought I was dreaming Harold told us, just name it and we will go there. I wanted to see Beverly Hills and the Movie Stars homes. This was really something to see. I have never seen such beautiful homes in my life. We saw homes on top of the hills or mountains. We only have hills here in Connecticut. The homes were so near the edge, I wondered if a good rainstorm wouldn't wash them down the hill.

Never seeing the Pacific Ocean, I asked Harold I wanted to tell my friends back home, that I saw the ocean too. While I was truly enjoying this, I was also getting some real nice ideas for some nice elongated coins I hope to make, one of these days. Believe me there are some nice ideas that could be put on elongated coins from the different things I saw in the Los Angeles area.

After a six or seven hour trip Ruby, Al and I were real tired. Harold still wanted to take us further, but we had seen many things we will never forget. I have to say to Harold, thank you for a wonderful happy day and a dream that did come true. Harold not only took us around, but each day he took a few more TEC members to see the sights of Los Angeles, California. So to you Harold Butner from the TEC members that you took for a nice trip and let us have a wonderful time, we all salute you and may God Bless You.

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WE NEED TEC NEWS ARTICLES - - - SEND THEM IN NOW.

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DEADLINE DATES FOR NEXT ISSUE - ADS FEB. 12th - ARTICLES FEB. 14th

## CO-OPERATION

by Joe Rakaskas TEC #64  
Paterson, N.J.

When two or more people band together for the purpose of mutual benefit, each must do his or her part to make it work. As time goes on the cooperation of the members of the group brings successful results.

Their success leads to inquires from the other members who have heard of their venture and they being of like mind, ask to join them. The groups keep growing.

Now that they have more members, they also have more work, but somehow the original group gets all the work. Because of their commitment to the basic idea they struggle on to keep it going. Occasionally they get some help, but it never seems to be enough. Most members are apathetic, content to let somebody else to carry the load. I've been guilty myself.

What is all this gobble-dy-gook all about? Well its about TEC. It had its beginning with a handful of interested dedicated people with a common purpose in mind, a hobby of collecting elongated coins. Many hours of hard work by Dottie Dow, Ralph Jobe, Alice Moon, Steve Penzes, Joe Lessner, Gust Pappas, Henry W. Blaha, Lloyd Wagaman, and his wife Alberta Wagaman, Sally Kirka, Al Kirka, Ruby Threlkeld, and Bob Callander and their "helpers" make "TEC" grow and prosper. Many others not listed gave of their time and help. To them my personal admiration and thanks.

Sally Kirka as President and Editor of TEC has done a most outstanding job, sitting in both chairs. She works hard and with the help of her husband Al, Secretary of TEC, they manage to get the TEC NEWS out all the time. Make her job easier, try your hand at writing an article, your thought about elongated coins, the stories they tell, share them with TEC members. Even the best work horse, the best piece of mechanical equipment needs care and help.

## T.E.C. MEETING IN 1975

by Ruby Threlkeld TEC #202  
La Marque, Texas

This was my program for the members of Galveston County Coin Club, Texas City, Texas.

Those of us who get to go to the convention each year look forward to meeting old friends and those who are pen pals we have never met before. Very seldom have we been disappointed.

At the last meeting of T.E.C. in Los Angeles we had the pleasure of meeting George Kesterson of Mineral Wells, Texas. He made himself right at home with the group and everyone enjoyed his fun and friendship. He is a fine gentleman. George is a roller and though he has not made many elongated coins, what he has made are very beautiful.

Other rollers who were new to us and real fine gentlemen were Lennie Schnieder of San Francisco and Robert Gordon of San Rafael. I learned a lot just by listening to these men trade information with Sally Kirka and George Kesterson. I will never be a roller, but good information is always useful and a good thing to have.

About the biggest disappointment I noticed each day was when the T.E.C. members would walk by us and ask, "Is Lloyd and Alberta Wagaman here?" Or, "Will Lloyd be at the convention? I sure want to meet Lloyd Wagaman since I have been writing to him and want to get his opinion on my rolling machine." We all missed Lloyd and Alberta Wagaman and we all wished they could have been with us.

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## T.E.C. MEETING IN 1975

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The happiest man at our meeting was Chuck Strickland from Thorsby, Alabama. He won an award with his elongated exhibit. His exhibit had real eye appeal.

Those who won the special award coins were certainly grateful to Lloyd E. Wagaman who was the Chairman of the Awards Committee. Lloyd not only made this coin, but donated it to T.E.C. to give to the members who had won. This coin is very special and cannot be bought. It has always been a mystery to me why more members do not write for the TEC NEWS and win one of Lloyd's Promotional elongated coins.

On the display table at the club meeting in Texas City was a big assortment of elongated coins, mirrors, buttons, wooden nickels, key chains, books, ball point pens and sets of new Bicentennial coins with the medal of the San Francisco Mint in the set. There were necklaces, owls and mini coins and other souvenirs. This was just some of the many things I had brought home that were given to me by my friends at the convention. I also told the members of my club how I wish each one could have been at the convention. It is something they will never forget and will remember for a long time.

## RICHARD'S BEAUTIFUL MIRRORS

by Sally Kirka TEC #16  
Manchester, Conn.

Richard Townsend, one of our newly elected members of the Board of Directors, donated 100 mirrors with his elongated coin in it on one side. These were given out at the American Numismatic Association Convention in Los Angeles, California at the annual TEC meeting there. This was a beautiful idea and I'm sure this went over big with the TEC members, as everyone made a grab for them. This got a little out of hand when everyone was grabbing two or three at a time. To avoid this happening next year, all donations should be given to me before the TEC annual meeting. All donations will then be put in little bags and then next year we will only give those little bags to only the TEC members that are at the meeting. There will be no extras given out to anyone, so members please take note of this. Since many took more than one and sold them, we will try things differently next year. It is getting harder and harder to get the members to donate and what we get, it only seems right to give to our own members first.

I also was a little surprised at one man who came in as a guest and then made a grab for my mirror I had on the table for myself. I asked this man if he was interested in elongated coins, his answer was "Heck no" I came in to get the free things the jerks were giving away. With this in mind we really will only give "give aways" to the TEC members only at the TEC meeting in New York. Also only TEC members will be able to draw for the door prizes and we will draw until they last. We don't always have enough to go around. Many of the rollers go out of their way to donate coins for this purpose and I want to say this is appreciated by the TEC members and all the officers of TEC. To those that gave, a special "Thank You" from all of us who had received your donated coins.

Now back to Richard's beautiful mirrors. The mirrors will be a nice collectors item some day as only a 100 of these were made by Richard Townsend. I'm glad I grabbed my mirror back from this man who had only come to our meeting to get our give aways. Thank you Richard from all of us.

## THE 1975 PROMOTIONAL AWARD - by Sally Kirka



Listed below are the final recipients of the Promotional Award coin for the year 1975. Coins listed in this issue are from 106 to 141. Numbers 106 and 107 were for elongated displays, 108 thru 125 were awarded for TEC NEWS articles in the Oct.-Nov.-Dec. 1975 issue and 126 thru 141 were awarded for displays or for speaking.

## Awards listed as follows:-

- 106 - Marvin Burnette #565 - - - - - Display  
 107 - Frank Galindo #672 - - - - - Display

## TEC NEWS ARTICLES

- 108 - From the Presidents Desk - - - - - Sally Kirka #16  
 109 - Los Angeles Convention Report - - - - - Sally Kirka #16  
 110 - Enjoying being a member of TEC - - - - - Harold Snyder #98  
 111 - Henry Blaha's Elongates - - - - - Ron Swenson #285  
 112 - My First Elongated Coin - - - - - Kazuma Oyama #663  
 113 - People are Wonderful - - - - - Harold Anderson #485  
 114 - The 1975 Promotional Award - - - - - Lloyd E. Wagaman #33  
 115 - How I feel about our Hobby - - - - - Gary Glise #664  
 116 - My Collection is Growing - - - - - Barbara Izzo #662  
 117 - Index Cards brighten Display - - - - - Jack Wilcox #332  
 118 - Our Hobby of Collecting - - - - - Ron Swenson #285  
 119 - My Special Thanks - To Many - - - - - Ruby Threlkeld #202  
 120 - A Letter to the Editor - - - - - Frank Galindo #672  
 121 - Thank You - - - - - Glen Tye #630  
 122 - Unknown Roller Finally Found - - - - - Eric Goodwin #520  
 123 - Happy Memories - - - - - Richard Townsend #365  
 124 - Gifts to the TEC Archives - - - - - Ruby Threlkeld #202  
 125 - Many Thanks - - - - - Sally Kirka #16  
 126 - Walter Hoffman #48 - - - - - Display  
 127 - James R. Davisson #559 - - - - - Display  
 128 - Ruth A. Doherty (non member) - - - - - Display  
 129 - Leonard J. Sterling (non member) - - - - - Display  
 130 - Sally Kirka #16 - - - - - Display at ANA  
 131 - Bill Martin #295 - - - - - Display at ANA  
 132 - Eric Goodwin #520 - - - - - Display  
 133 - James R. Davisson #559 - - - - - Speaker & Display  
 134 - Al Kirka #450 - - - - - Display  
 135 - Chester Grabowski #512 - - - - - Display  
 136 - James R. Davisson #559 - - - - - -Display at ANA  
 137 - California Collectors of Elongateds #532 - - - - - Display at ANA  
 138 - Walter E. Sears, Jr. #681 - - - - - Display  
 139 - Ruth M. Phillips #502 - - - - - Speaker & Display  
 140 - Sally Kirka #16 - - - - - Display  
 141 - Barbara Izzo #662 - - - - - Speaker & Display  
 142 - James R. Davisson #559 - - - - - Display  
 143 - California Collectors of Elongateds #532 - - - - - Display at NCOC

## NEW ISSUES

The Lincoln Coin Club Has put out an elongated coin set. The quantities are limited. Order your set from the Lincoln Coin Club, P.O. Box 2041, Livonia, Michigan 48150 at a \$1.00 per set.

# MAIL BID SALE

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CPIE - 4, on 1893 1¢

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OUR BICENTENNIAL YEAR - 1976

by Harold Anderson TEC #483  
Caro, Michigan

We are going into 1976, the 200th anniversary of our Nation. It is called the Bicentennial year and we will be looking for the bicentennial elongated coins. I will be looking for them in our TEC NEWS, or in Coin World. During the winter months we can go to coin shows in or around your own home towns to see what elongated coins we all can find.

It was nice seeing so many TEC members and meeting many more in Los Angeles, California. I can truthfully say that Alice and I had a wonderful time. We enjoyed all the trips we took and of the ride around Los Angeles that Harold Butner took us on. Many thanks to you Harold Butner for an enjoyable trip around the town. You can go somewhere each day and still not see all of Los Angeles. We will all have some wonderful memories of our first trip to California and the A.N.A. Convention.

Now that the 1975 convention is behind us we all are saving our money to go to the A.N.A. Convention in New York next August. President Sally Kirka said, she will fill us in on plans for our upcoming TEC 10th anniversary.

It is also time to think of an elongated exhibit for the A.N.A. convention, so why not make it a bicentennial exhibit. If not on elongated coins, then on something else. There is a lot of bicentennial cloth around to use as a back ground for that bicentennial

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## OUR BICENTENNIAL YEAR - 1976

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exhibit. I hope we get many members who will exhibit at this coming convention in New York. Lets make this a year that we all will remember with our exhibits and with some nice Bicentennial coins.

Your exhibit must have a heading and some information about your exhibit. The exhibit should also be eye catching with a nice color, harmony and arrangement. These are all important things to have in an exhibit. Also remember to spell all your words right as this takes away points if they are not. (I know) So my advice to you is get all those old elongated coins out and start making up that exhibit now. The nine months can really go fast if you keep putting off.

A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all and a good Bicentennial year from Alice and I.

## MY TEC FRIENDS ARE REALLY GREAT

by Barbara Izzo TEC #662  
Carlstadt, N.J.

Since I've joined the T.E.C. club I have met many very nice friends through the mail. I have received many nice elongated coins from my new found friends. I also have ordered elongated coins from the different rollers. Its nice to belong to a club like "The Elongated Collectors," and I'm proud to be a member.

I would like to congratulate Sally and Al Kirka on being re-elected President and Secretary of our T.E.C. club. They sure make everyone happy with what they do for all of us. They try their best to do a good job on each issue of the TEC NEWS. This makes interesting reading for a collector like me. I even asked for a few applications to give to my friends. I also liked the report that Sally wrote on the A.N.A. convention and it makes you feel as if you were there too. They sure deserved the awards that Sally and Al received from their friends at the A.N.A. convention. Keep up the good work Sally and Al. I also would like to congratulate the other officers that were elected too.

There are so many friends that I'd like to thank for some of the free elongated coins that were sent to me, such as Sally and Al Kirka, Dottie Dow, Chester Rogers, Jack Wilcox, Ruby Threlkeld, John Spadone, Adam Cool and Lloyd E. Wagaman. I also would like to thank my friend Bob Dadson for helping me and giving me some good tips on my exhibits. Also Ed and Ann Black that have helped me a lot in getting many coins and of course my husband John, who has helped me with everything. I don't always win, but I sure have some fun trying.

Last month on September 17, I had an exhibit and spoke about my elongated coins at the Bergen County Coin Club. I received the award of the month, which was a blue ribbon and a special mint set of 1966. It made me a little proud of this, as I am only a beginner. Also in September I received an award for my exhibit on my "America the Beautiful" on silver bars. It was at our Northern Valley Coin Clubs first coin show. I think we did alright, as my husband John and I each received a trophy just like everyone else, that had an exhibit there.

I'm looking forward to our next issue of TEC NEWS, as there's always something different to read. I sit down and read my TEC NEWS over a few times. I really can say I'm proud to be a part of TEC and I can truly say, my TEC friends are the greatest. See you all in New York in August of 1976.

A.N.A. CONVENTION IN NEW YORK

by Sally Kirka TEC #16  
Manchester, Conn.

Still not much news about the coming American Numismatic Association Convention in New York. So far the date of the convention is still August 22 - 28, 1976. It will be held at the Americana Hotel in New York City. The chairman of this event is Jackson Storm, 159-15, Northern Blvd., Flushing, N.Y. 11358. As of this writing I don't know if this is the correct date or not, but this is the date on the hotel card that I have for the convention.

The address of this hotel where the A.N.A. convention will be held is the Americana Hotel, Seventh Ave. at 52nd St., New York, N.Y. 10019. This is just in case you don't have a hotel card and wish to send for a hotel reservation early.

Now the rates for the rooms at the Americana Hotel for singles start at; \$34-\$37-\$40-\$43-\$46 and \$49. Now for the doubles or twin bed rooms the rates start at: \$44-\$47-\$50- \$53- \$56 and \$59. The suites start at: parlor and one bedroom \$95 and up, parlor and two bedrooms start at \$145 and up. As of this writing I do not know about parking and the cost of parking cars.

Fred Montei sent me some information about a hotel, which is across the street from the hotel where the A.N.A. convention will be held. Now this name sounds almost like the first hotel, so read the article over very carefully. This hotel is called the Americana City Squire and the rates are a little cheaper. Single room rates start at: \$32-\$35-\$38-\$41-\$44 and \$47. Twin bedrooms for two start at: \$42-\$45-\$48-\$51-\$54 and \$57. These rates include free parking for one car per registered room.

You may think its a little early to send for your room reservations, but I don't think so. New York is going to be a very busy month for the month of August, as there are many conventions going on. If you expect to go, get your room reservation as soon as you can. If you can't go at the last minute, you can always cancel out.

There will also be other hotels near-by, but as yet I have no information on them. For some, the room rates are a little high so you still have time to save your money. Those that can't afford it will find a cheaper hotel to stay in, further down the street. I know most TEC members will stay right in the Americana Hotel. So send for your reservations early no matter what hotel you will stay.

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# LOS ANGELES

## *Convention Badges*

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The badges from the Los Angeles convention are now available from the secretary. As usual these are all rolled on quarters. The art work on this years badge was by Sally Kirka. The engraving, rolling and drilling of ring holes was done by Bob Luchtman. The ribbons were bought by TEC and assembled by Sally Kirka.

Badges are also available from all past years except 1967 and 1972 and may be ordered from the secretary for \$2.30 each. Write to Al Kirka, 116 Oak Street, Manchester, Conn. 06040

## COLLECTING SPACE A FUN THEME

by Jack Wilcox TEC #332  
N. Brunswick, N.J.

At present my Space Theme collection of elongated coins has almost reached the 75 mark, nine of our rollers being represented. They are; R.W. Jobe, Elmer Anderson, Don Adams, A.A. Rosato, Dottie Dow, Don Sabo, Lloyd E. Wagaman, L.P. Engravers and House of Elongateds. No doubt I've missed a few elongated coins on this, but the issues will be coming along as we continue to explore outer space. Therefore this theme ranks second after my Christmas theme of elongated coins which has now reached the 150 mark this season.

Although Ralph W. Jobe hasn't issued any space elongated coins lately, to my knowledge, he leads the field with 27 very nice designs of the space elongated coins. He is followed closely by Elmer Anderson who has designed and issued 16 space elongated coins with his recent issue of the Apollo-Soyuz elongated coin. Of course it is possible that my search has missed a few issues. The fun is trying to keep up with the recent issues and tracking down the ones that you had missed.

It would be very interesting to hear from other TEC members who are collecting Space elongated coins and perhaps other elongated coin rollers can be brought to light and the list of space elongated coins can be improved. As we all know it is quite a task keeping up with the numerous issues of the space elongated coins, so why not start comparing notes with the collectors of the same Theme interest. Here too is food for your future article for our next TEC NEWS. Do it now, new thoughts and expressions make for interesting reading.

Most of the space elongated coins can still be bought as these are all modern elongated coin issues. Anyone seriously interested in starting a Space Theme of elongated coins should write to the coin rollers mentioned above and asking them what space elongated coins they still have available, also the price and etc. Good luck and have some fun enjoying your hobby as I do. The latest Space issue of an elongated coin by Elmer Anderson is #85 the Apollo-Soyuz, also this same issue is made by the House of Elongateds, but still a little different and must be added to your collection.

Trying to think up something to write about for the TEC NEWS this time has proved to be a problem, so I hope this has been of some interest to you all.

## THE AUSTIN TEXAS COIN SHOW

by Frank Galindo TEC #672  
San Antonio, Texas

The Stephen F. Austin Hotel was the site of the Austin, Texas Coin Club's sixteenth annual "Money Mart". It was held on September 20-21, 1975. The two day show proved very rewarding. There were seven categories, one being a special award for the best numismatic exhibit with a Bicentennial theme. Karla and I left San Antonio very early in the morning on the 20th and drove to Austin which is about a 80 mile drive.

We entered two of the seven possible categories. In the token category our token exhibit won the first place award. In the miscellaneous category we entered two different exhibits. One exhibit was our World War II ration currency was awarded a second place. This exhibit was displayed in four cases. Our elongated coin exhibit of the Apollo Space Flights won a third place. I had intended to enter the special Bicentennial theme exhibit, but unfortunately the

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## THE AUSTIN TEXAS COIN SHOW

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cases I was having made were not completed in time. At the show all the bourse dealers were displaying various kinds of numismatic items including elongated coins, two of which Karla and I bought at bargain prices.

The highlight of the event was the Awards Breakfast held on Sunday the 21st. Our newly elected ANA President Virgil Hancock and Mrs. Hancock were present, as well as presidential candidate George Hatie from Detroit. Hatie gave a slide program at the Awards Breakfast Sunday morning. It was a very interesting and enjoyable program about women on coins of the world from ancient time to the present. Lyman Bartee, general chairman of the show and our immediate past TNA President, presented the many awards to all the winners. The awards were engraved silver trays.

Sunday afternoon found us on our way back home to San Antonio. A great two days behind us, doing what we really enjoy, exhibiting our numismatic collections.

THANK YOU

by Burton Neal Levy TEC #499  
Chicago, Illinois

To the officers, Board of Directors and General Membership of  
"THE ELONGATED COLLECTORS".

Dear Fellow Collectors,

It is indeed an honor to be the recipient of the 1974 Merit Award. To be one of the Ten Honored Collectors, surely makes this Award very distinguishing and I will cherish it as I do my 1972 and 1973 awards, so thank you all.

Without doubt it is nice to receive rewards for our efforts, but don't forget to be acknowledged, one has to contribute to the hobby. Your contribution may be free giveaways, articles, serving as an officer or Board member, etc. Many times our efforts may be complimented by a certificate of honor, coin, or what have you. To know inside that you tried to help should be enough reward.

So fellow collectors, whether you belong to "THE ELONGATED COLLECTORS", "MIDWEST ELONGATED COLLECTORS", or "CALIFORNIA COLLECTORS OF ELONGATEDS" or all three, support your hobby.

My greatest reward is extending a helping hand. What's yours?

## NEW ISSUES

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## HOW MUCH IS IT WORTH

by Sally Kirka TEC #16  
Manchester, Conn.

Like I said in my other article, the elongated coins are out there somewhere. At our last show that my coin dealers club had, I went around looking for more elongated coins. If you don't see them I just ask if the dealer has any elongated coins to-day? Some dealers just laugh as they would care-less about elongated coins. I really don't mind the friendly kidding I get about the elongated coins. Around here so help me, it seems very few are interested in elongated coins, but I keep pushing them just the same.

A couple of years ago I tried something. I rolled out a nice Santa coin, which I was so proud of. It was before Christmas so I thought I'd put the coins out for sale right in front at our table. As the people went by, they all admired the elongated coins, but showed very little interest in paying \$1.00 for the coin. This went on all day and after six hours, I still didn't sell one elongated coin. So I turned to Al and said, "Gosh it seems I can't get one person to even get interested in my Christmas elongated coins." Then an idea came to me and I told Al what I would try.

I wrote up a new sign saying, "Free Christmas elongated coins, take one." Before I knew what happened, everyone was coming back to get a free coin, yes even those that passed the sign when it said, that the Christmas coins were a \$1.00 each. When they got them free they couldn't tell you enough about how they liked elongated coins.

So you folks out there that think the rollers make so much money on elongated coins, better think again.

Going back to looking for elongated coins at the dealers tables I came across a new dealer, that didn't know me. When I asked him if he had any elongated coins he told me yes, but it would cost me \$10.00. He said this was a rare elongated coin and had the elongated collectors Presidents name on it. So thinking it was Dottie Dows coin I said, "Let me see the elongated coin." Did I get a surprise when I saw my name and Al's on it and this was the elongated coin that Lloyd E Wagaman had made for us in New Orleans. I looked at the dealer and said, "I'll give you a \$1.00 for it." The dealer said, "No deal." He wanted \$10.00, so I told the next dealer to tell the man what my name was and my friend said "Sally Kirka." The dealer turned colors and said, "Are you really Sally Kirka?" Then the man said, "Here you can have your coin for nothing." What I enjoyed was how this coin had traveled around so far, only to end up back in my hometown.

## NOTICE

Last notice for all members that don't want their names and addresses listed in the new membership list that is being made up to be distributed to all members. If you do not want your name and address listed please write and let us know at once.

Also members have been asking for a list of rollers that are selling elongated coins now. All rollers of elongated coins that want their name on this list, please write and let me know. A few of the rollers don't care to be listed, as they don't roll coins often. They say they would rather place an ad in TEC NEWS when they have elongated coins for sale. Some of the members would like to buy your coins, so if you want your name listed let me know. Remember if you don't write and let me know, your name will not appear on this list.



## OUR TRIP TO THE ANA CONVENTION

by Dick Carpenter TEC #383  
Toledo, Ohio

We followed the great westward migration, Tina and I, to this year's ANA convention. Richard and Karen, 19 and 15 respectively, stayed home to take care of the house and its owners, two remarkable schnauzers.

I knew that by the time our summit meeting provided an agreement on my vacation, both the Marriott and the Sheraton would be past consideration. Nothing to worry about though, as something always turns up.

We flew into Las Vegas a few days early and were met at the McCarran Airport by friends, erstwhile Toledo neighbors. We saw two good shows, finally went to bed at 3:30 a.m., having been up and about for 24 hours. Saw no coins, except those tossed into the voracious gullets of thousands of machines, row on row. The next day was Sunday and our friends took us to their home in Barstow, California, which is midway between Las Vegas and Los Angeles. On Tuesday afternoon we went to L.A., and starting at the Marriott, went down Century Boulevard looking for a motel. Four blocks away we found a \$23.00 room, but opted for the \$20.00 savings five blocks further. The bus ride cost a quarter, though we did walk the nine blocks once.

About six o'clock we went to the pre-registration desk to pick up our envelope. It was then we learned that the only tour we really wanted had taken place on Monday, the day before the official start of the convention. I went looking for my sister who had come to the convention from Nevada. Finally found Miss Eva Adams, a very nice lady who got past the heavy security and into the bourse room to bring my sister, Vicki Nash. As the State director of Nevada Bicentennial Commission, she was there to set up a small commercial exhibit featuring a coin press from the Carson City Museum. When the ladies finally came out, my sister stood on her side of the rope, looked right past me and said, "Where is he?" Eva Adams asked, "Don't you know your own brother?" Said Vicki, "Well, I've seen him once in thirty years and last time he wasn't wearing a tie and jacket, or that gray creeping up the sides." (sotto voce).

Well when the bourse room opened, I got four or five nice elongated coins from Ms. Christenson's table. Then I was off to the TAMS hospitality room for some coffee and a little talk. There I met the man who probably owns Phoenix, a really nice guy named Harold Schmal. I have been a mail order customer of his. I was also surprised to learn we were alumni of the same school, the University of Toledo. We had a nice long talk with him.

We took in the TAMS meeting and later the TEC annual meeting where it was a joy to see such a good crowd in attendance. Got my handshake from Dottie Dow, my first since Philadelphia in 1969. I was also fortunate enough to receive one of the beautiful elongated coins on a mirror back furnished by Richard Townsend. I think its simply great when people like Townsend and all the others give so much, so that members can hear their names called, walk up to the table and pick out one of the donated goodies. Some day I hope I can reciprocate.

We had to leave on Saturday noon, thus missing the ANA Club Representatives breakfast and the ANA banquet. In San Francisco, we stayed at the Mark Twain Hotel, where my sister met us after driving in from Reno. We saw a lot of the city next day and had dinner at a restaurant on Fisherman's Wharf. It was there I got my eighth elongated penny.

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## OUR TRIP TO THE ANA CONVENTION

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We spent a week in Reno relaxing and taking side trips to Carson City, Virginia City and other places. In Virginia City we visited the store which once was the newspaper office where Mark Twain worked. In the basement was the Mark Twain Museum. What caught my attention was the roller who was rolling elongated new pennies and drilled a hole in one end. I got mine without a hole for my collection.

A near miss, or how the Dow book eluded the grasp of yours truly turning a calm and orderly citizen into a quivering mass of frustration.

About three years ago, apropos of nothing at all, I mentioned to a fellow member of the local coin club that my nice numismatic library, sizeable though it was, lacked one little book. While explaining my need, my desire yes, my absolute dependence on such an acquisition, my friend quietly said, "We've got that Dow book in the shop."

Well to shorten the story a bit, my dealer friend compassionately agreed to lend the book so that I might Xerox it, page by page. Every now and then when the subject arose, he'd suggest that I stop by and pick up the book. After returning from the ANA-75 convention and having picked up so many elongated coins here and there, I looked up my friend the proud owner of the book. "Well," said I, in keen anticipation, "I guess the time has come and I'm ready to borrow your Dow Book." My dealer friend replied, "Dick I'm awfully sorry, but we sold that book a month ago. We got twenty dollars for it! It was autographed, you know."

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Starting with this coming year 1976, or with this issue we are only going to give a free coin for articles sent in for the TEC NEWS. Articles must be 250 words or more to be eligible to receive this free TEC NEWS award coin through-out the year.

Long articles will be put in only if we have room for them, or put in two issues. No derogatory articles will be used. Think about that article first. There are so many nice articles that can be written about elongated coins, so why not give it a try. All articles must be written so they can be read by me, as I can't guess what you are writing about. I will help you where I can, but I can not write your article for you.

If you have exhibited elongated coins in your area, or gave a talk in some club, write an article about it and let the members know about it. You'd be surprised that members like to read about how you made your exhibit and how things turned out for you. Without articles there would be no TEC NEWS. I will still keep this a family style newsletter that each one of us can be proud of.

Lloyd E. Wagaman will again design and roll out the coins for TEC. Of course the coins will not be given out until the 1976 nickels are available. So please be patient as you will get them when they are ready.

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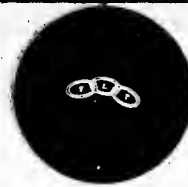
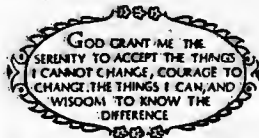
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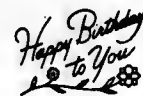


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